Appointments by the Director of Industries.

338. *MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names with caste of the persons appointed, promoted or confirmed by the Director of Industries during the years 1114 and 1115;

(*b*) whether any of them was appointed more than once by him; and

(*c*) if so, the name of the person or persons so appointed and the periods of his appointment and the posts to which he was appointed?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries and Labour Commissioner*) : The time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of all proportion to its possible utility.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know why such an answer is given?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The President of the Assembly has given an explanation in connection with such a kind of answer during the last week and I do not propose to supplement it.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know whether the Government are aware that there is a definite purpose in regard to these interpellations?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Possibly.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the number of appointments made by the Director during the year 1115?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It has to be ascertained, Sir.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know if the information is available with the Director?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It can be made available, but not at present.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the approximate time that may be needed to furnish that information?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: That will be known only when the work is taken up.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know what expenditure will be incurred for collecting information on that point?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I cannot say.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*) : May I know, does the appointment made by the Director during the last two years amount to a big number.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: A fairly large number.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI; Will the member be pleased to say the approximate number of appointments made by him?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: As I have said, the figure is not with me.

Lime-shell.

339. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of lime-shell annually collected in Travancore and the probable quantity that can be collected?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The statistics regarding the quantity of lime-shells collected annually are not available. The probable quantity that can be collected may be estimated to be 4 lakhs of paras per year.

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